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I am at work and have little time to write. However I think it is totally redicules what Microsoft has gotten away with. They've wiped out competition ruining various markets. Netscape had an almost 80% market share using no "dirty methods" (making their browser available the same way as all others). Microsoft then bought a browser from a company called "Mosaic", Mosaic agreed to sell it to Microsoft only if Microsoft agreed to pay Mosaic royalties for the product (at the time most browsers were being sold). So what does Microsoft do? They release it for free. Just like John Rockefeller and the oil companies. Microsoft was the only one who could afford to release the browser for free at the time so people started switching over to that. Microsoft was able to simply ubsorb the cost, while at the same time screwing Mosaic.

Then Netscape decided to offer their browser for free (destroying any chance of making a profit). Microsoft was unable to persway people to use their browser over Netscape or others. At this point it was about 70% NS, 25% IE. So in the next version of their operating system Microsoft not only included Internet Explorer with it, they intergrated it so deeply that users would be unable to remove the product even if they didn't want to use it. Especially forcing their way into the market using their monopoly of the OS market. A few years later it went from 70/25 in Netscape's favor, to about 90/5 in Microsoft's favor.

Then it caused anti-trust issues and they were deemed an illegal monopoly due to their actions. So what do they do when they release their latest OS (WindowsXP)? They do the same exact thing, but even to a greater extent. That is like robbing a bank after getting out of jail for shop lifting. Which is pretty much sticking your tounge out at the courts saying "haha, you can't get me!".

I hope that you take action which will help this matter. The settlement with the DOJ was embarasingly lienient. Microsoft came up with harsher settlement terms in the past then what the DOJ settled with.

I have already written much more then I planned or really had time to. Please excuse the spelling or grammar errors I may have made. I am trying to type this ASAP as I do not have much time right now.

Thank you,
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Please take these thoughts into consideration...

